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Sent: Fri 8/5/2016 5:04:36 PM

Subject: Re: Reminder: August 4th Climate Justice Youth Workgroup Meetings

## Multiple groups join pipeline opposition

- [LAUREN DONOVAN](#) Bismarck Tribune
- 18 hrs ago

A broad, multistate coalition of tribes, landowners and environmental groups has joined in support of a legal challenge to the Dakota Access Pipeline's easements to cross the Missouri River in North Dakota.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved the water easements July 26, sparking a federal court challenge led by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, asking for an injunction while the court examines whether the corps failed to conduct a full environmental impact statement and conduct proper tribal consultations.

The 1,100-mile pipeline set to carry Bakken crude to Illinois will be bored under the Missouri River/Lake Oahe within a half-mile of the reservation boundary south of Mandan. Construction is underway.

Joye Braun, an organizer with the Indigenous Environmental Network, says the corps' rubber-stamp approach to the easement undermines the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act, along with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The Standing Rock group's position is now supported by Bold Alliance of Nebraska, Oklahoma and Louisiana, Honor the Earth, Modern Day Warriors, Fort Berthold Protectors of Water and Earth Rights, 100 Grannies for a Livable Future, Dakota Rural Action, Science and Environmental Health Network, Women's Congress for Future

Generations, Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, Rainforest Action Network, Environmental Action, Food and Water Watch, and Daily Kos.

Lisa DeVille, member of the Fort Berthold Protectors, says the pipeline's crossing upstream of that reservation and downstream of Standing Rock represents an act of oppression by the government and was approved by the tribal council without input from tribal members.

"This pipeline could have been rerouted, but, as usual, communities of people of color are always first for sacrifice," DeVille said.

Sierra Club members joined the opposition out of awareness that all pipelines eventually leak; it's just a matter of when, said Wayne Schafer, head of the club's Dakota Chapter.

"Generally, we think we should be moving away from fossil fuels and toward renewables," he said. "This affects their sacred land and the water."

Braun said the corps ignored letters from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Interior Department and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation requesting a full-blown EIS, rather than a less rigorous Environmental Assessment.

A spirit camp at Cannon Ball, on the reservation, will be occupied by protesters and supporters while the opposition continues.

[http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/multiple-groups-join-pipeline-opposition/article\\_a32fc5f4-e6db-5df6-9048-ec75d02386c1.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/multiple-groups-join-pipeline-opposition/article_a32fc5f4-e6db-5df6-9048-ec75d02386c1.html)

On Thu, Aug 4, 2016 at 7:42 AM, Edwards, Alyssa <[edwards.alyssa@epa.gov](mailto:edwards.alyssa@epa.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Workgroup members,

This is a brief reminder about our subgroup meetings this afternoon. Prior to the facilitated discussion lead by Samantha and Yudith, MaKara and I will go over the following timeline:

- Youth Workgroup status update presented to the NEJAC (Samantha and Yudith in attendance) - Fall 2016 NEJAC meeting (October 2016)
- Draft Youth Workgroup report completed – by the Spring 2017 NEJAC meeting
- Teleconference presentation / discussion with NEJAC members - between Spring and Fall 2017 NEJAC meetings
- Final Youth Workgroup report submitted to the NEJAC - at the Fall 2017 NEJAC meeting

If you have any questions about which subgroup you will be on this afternoon please reach out to Samantha and Yudith. They have developed a great strategy for moving us all ahead!

Best wishes,

Alyssa

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**Subject:** August Climate Justice Youth Workgroup Meetings

Dear Climate Justice Workgroup members,

Thursday, August 4th will be our first subgroup meetings. There will be two subgroups for tackling the charge. Please remember to submit your subgroup topic rankings in the Google spreadsheet per the emails from Samantha and Yudith below my signature.

**Subgroup 1:** When: Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 4-5:30pm (ET); Where: Call in: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy  
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This subgroup will be facilitated by Samantha Shattuck.

**Subgroup 2:** When: Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 4-5:30pm (ET); Where: Call in: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy  
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This subgroup will be facilitated by Yudith Nieto.

### August 4th Agenda:

This meeting will focus on subgroup steps towards addressing the charge.

1. Welcome and roll call – Samantha Shattuck or Yudith Nieto, depending on subgroup (4:00 – 4:05 pm)
2. Timeline for reporting on charges to NEJAC plus key elements of all reports – MaKara Rumley or Alyssa Edwards, depending on subgroup (4:05-4:20pm)
3. Q and A – team discussion (4:20 – 4:30pm)

4. Facilitated subgroup discussion by topic - Samantha Shattuck or Yudith Nieto (4:30 - 5:25 pm)
5. Closing and next steps - Richard Moore or Dr. Shafiei, depending on subgroup (5:25 – 5:30pm)

Samantha and Yudith will advise all workgroup members on the division of subgroups in advance of our meeting, so stay tuned for more information. We look forward to your participation on August 4<sup>th</sup>!

Best wishes,

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**Subject:** Re: [Youth Climate Justice Working Group] Selecting Subgroup Topics

Hi Everyone,

Thanks Yudith for this email and to Kathy and Kayla for already filling out their topic preferences. If you weren't sure how to fill out the spreadsheet, linked here, go ahead and take a look again and follow their examples. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1T2URn8IKBCmTGF0SVtvIhpJV4IbiuL1RCwKYStC0O-A/edit?ts=57914a75#gid=0> Please see Yudith's email above for more information, and here is a screenshot for assistance:

diverse projects from across the United States from which results-oriented recommendations can be drawn?				Your name, top 3 choices, and comments or questions.			
Topics:	Whose idea it was	Those who initially said they're interested	Any clarifying notes from person whose idea it is.	1	2	3	4
				Do these satisfy your interests, see below? Can you see your ideas fitting within these topics? If not, go ahead and vote below, or explain your topic as to why it should be included as a separate subgroup. In making your selection of these summarized groups, please select the issues below that you think should be a part of that conversation.			
Summarized topics:	Yudith			Yudith Robinson	Samantha Shafiq	Kathy Tron	Kayla Edwards
Urban Community Support*				1	3	2	
Native Communities Support and Inclusion*							5
Rural Community Support and Inclusion*				2	2	3	3
Research-based - i.e. mapping organizations engaging youth in climate justice, conducting interviews of them, crowd-sourcing best practices, mapping out health vulnerabilities and climate change impacts				3	1	1	2
* Highlighted as the most important and essential way to split up groups by Dr. Skjorne and Dr. Shafiq							

I can imagine this process may be wearing on you but we are so close to sorting these things out. If we can do this quickly, we can determine if we can meet with our subgroups next week or should just meet all as a group. Have any questions, comments, or concerns?

**We hope to have this voting phase completed by this Friday, 7/29. Please let Yudith, Samantha, or Alyssa know if you have any questions about the process or topics.**

Wishing all of you a great last week of July.

Regards,

Samantha

On Thu, Jul 21, 2016 at 7:37 PM, Yudith Nieto [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy](#) wrote:

Good evening Compañeros!

Hope this summer is not being too rough on you all, Texas is a hot mess right now.

But we'll survive!

Anyway, on our last call we discussed deciding on some major topics we wanted to cover within our subgroups. Some of you shared some really great ideas and comments for what those sub-groups should like that. Samantha has done a great job at creating an excel sheet on our google group that will help us capture all your perspectives and steps to tackle these issue and process based topics.

So next steps, we need you all to continue to make these topics a bit more concrete. We will be voting on what topics you want to have a focus on and what might be missing from the conversation. As this group continues to find its direction, we hope that we can cover all the topics and issues coming from your respective regions. Please take a look at the [spreadsheet](#)

in the link below and add your vote and comments.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1T2URn8IKBCmTGF0SVtvIhpJV4IbiuL1RCwKYStC0O-A/edit?ts=57914a75#gid=0>

***Explanation for the voting process:***

*We have summarized the topics into four subgroups, and decided to try to do it regionally so that we can compare and contrast them and because we can work to address all of our interests this way. They are rural, urban, native/indigenous, and a research-based group.*

*But, we also want to take a vote and see what you all think, which group you may want to be in, and or what topic you would like to choose instead. So here is the process by which you can share your ideas:*

*On the excel spreadsheet, you can see the 4 summarized subgroups, and then below, all of the topics are listed (in tan), including whose idea it was and who has already expressed interest. To the right, you can see columns of boxes. Following Yudith and Samantha's example, you should prioritize the 3 subgroup topics you are most interested in participating in. We encourage you to review the summarized groups, but if you do not feel your particular interest can fit into these groups, you are also encouraged to prioritize some from the issues listed below.*

*In making your selection, under your name, place you number, and then place a) what sort of deliverable you think you'd want to work on in this subgroup, and then in reviewing the issues below, which would fit into which summarized group. So, per Samantha's example, she has suggested that food access should be included in the urban group, because xyz. She has also suggested that all groups should outline the frontline climate impacts and inter-generational equity issues that may exist in the urban, rural, native/indigenous communities.*

**You do not have to have all the answers**, this is just a way to get the ball rolling digitally instead of voting over a phone call.

We's love to have all your comments and choices by our next call so we can get straight into addressing the sub-groups. So please Submit by then!



**Reminder:** Please feel free to call/text/email myself and Samantha if you have any issues or confusion on how to submit your vote.

**Samantha:** Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Thank you to all those who have started to add their comments to spreadsheet, we can't wait to see what other great ideas comes through. Please continue to add to the document.

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Hasta pronto,

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